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Report to elicit views on nanny law

CAREGIVERS The province is beginning public consultations on a new law promising to protect foreign caregivers from the kind of exploitation documented in a Toronto Star investigation earlier this year.

The Ministry of Labour's much anticipated consultation paper solicits views from caregivers, advocates, employment agency owners and parents on what the new law should look like.

"The Ontario government has become aware that temporary foreign workers are often charged thousands of dollars by recruiters for a job offer in Ontario," the paper reads. "Sometimes the employer's offer is not genuine, even though it was approved by the federal government."

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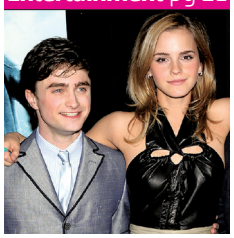

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The latest news about the Toronto city workers' strike.

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Indy **Hugs, kisses**

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Dario Franchitti receives congratulations from his wife, actress Ashley Judd, yesterday after winning the Honda Toronto Indy. It was the second career victory in Toronto for Franchitti. More coverage, page 16.

Man swarmed, beaten to death

Baseball and cricket bats used in late-night park attack

Kristian Thanapalan never stood a chance.

The 23-year-old, looking forward to beginning his studies at York University in September, was swarmed by as many as 25 men and beaten to death with baseball and cricket bats early Saturday, according to a friend who escaped with only minor injuries.

Police are still looking for suspects and are to hold a news conference today.

"There was no reason to hit us — we never had no problems — so I think it could have been a territorial issue," said the friend. "They probably thought we were new guys coming here. We never had nothing to do with them, they had nothing to do with us."

Thanapalan and five buddies were playing volleyball at Glamorgan Park near Kennedy Road and Highway 401 shortly after midnight Saturday, said the friend, who lives nearby and requested his name not be used for fear of reprisal. They were sharing the park with another group of men playing cricket at a nearby baseball diamond, he said.

"We were about to leave to get some food. We went to our cars and a bunch of guys came from two angles and pretty much surrounded us. A couple of us were able to run off," he said.

Kristian Thanapalan

Thanapalan was not so lucky. The men with bats — about six or seven in total — divided into groups, some chasing Thanapalan's terrified friends, others pounding on Thanapalan himself.

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Witnesses sought

- Det.-Sgt. Savas Kyriacou implored witnesses from within the larger group to come forward yesterday. "There's a number of people in the one group who, although they were there, had minimal involvement. The last thing they want to do is get caught in the same web as those who had more involvement," he said. "We're appealing for those people to do the right thing and come forward." An autopsy is being performed today.

Curse like a sailor and feel better

Holy #%$@!!!

Damn, that feels better already.

And that's just what British scientists would expect, saying they've learned cussing may be good for you.

Their study, Swearing As A Response To Pain, is published in August's Neuro Report, a journal "for rapid communication of neuroscience research." The report by researchers at England's Keele University found volunteers withstood pain longer when they resorted to distasteful invectives. So, just let loose when the pain comes.

Dr. Richard Stephens, who led the research, said he got the idea for the study after watching his wife give birth to their daughter, spilling a slew of swear words as she pushed and pushed and pushed.

While stubbing your toe can invoke an unfettered stream of profane platitudes, it may also be an inherited guttural response from our hairy-backed ancestors when faced with fearsome predators.

Stephens said that may explain why swearing is still in vogue around the world. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Researchers tested how 64 students tolerated pain by having them plunge a hand into ice water while repeating swear words. They were then asked to do it again while saying non-offensive words to describe a table. They found that foul-mouthed volunteers could keep their hands submerged for about 40 seconds longer and felt the pain less.

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Charges laid in U of T break-and-enters
A 40-year-old man is charged after a rash of break-and-enters at the University of Toronto's downtown campus. Geoffrey Stanley Berry faces 37 charges, including 28 counts of break-and-enter and three counts of mischief under $5,000. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Warrants issued in women's death

Toronto police have issued arrest warrants for two Mexican nationals wanted for first-degree murder in the death of a Toronto woman found suffocated in the trunk of her car. Const. Wendy Drummond identified the suspects as Juan Antonio Reyes, 23, and Ana Laura Rodrigues, 19, both of Mexico. The body of Consuelo Valencia-Russo, left, was found in the trunk of her car outside the Toronto apartment building where she once lived. Drummond says the two suspects were allegedly captured on security cameras at 2645 Jane St. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lotteries

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Daily Keno: 1, 2, 7, 10, 15, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 31, 35, 41, 42, 43, 48, 49, 57, 63, 64.
These results are not official.

News in brief

CRIME A self-made carpet-cleaner has been arrested after a nine-year-old boy was sexually assaulted at a house the businessman was apparently working in. The accused is the owner of Nortown Carpet Cleaning. Mohammad Gharib, 45, of Toronto has been charged with sexual assault and sexual interference.

STAB Investigators are appealing to the public because they have very little information about a double stabbing that sent two men to hospital Saturday, where one remains in critical condition. The stabbing took place behind Winona Public School around 9:30 p.m.
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Big pains for small business

T.O.CivicStrike

The strike is entering its fourth week — today is Day 22 — and there's no end in sight.

The city made a public offer Friday; there was a subsequent counter-offer from the union Friday night. Its details are unknown. City spokesperson Cheryn Thoun said yesterday talks were continuing. A union source agreed talks were ongoing, but said no substantive issues were dealt with.

While the city and union continue the standoff, small businesses like restaurants, cafes and variety stores say they are paying a high price.

Some have hired private contractors who charge anywhere between $130 and $220 a week — three times more what they paid the city — while others are taking garbage bags to dumping sites themselves.

"When I have to dump my garbage, I close the store for a couple of hours," said Prakash Pawa, who piles his van with bags of garbage every two days and goes to a dump site. He pays a commercial price and he or his employees waits in a lineup.
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Caribana

- Saturday's Caribana parade will proceed, and the city has assured Caribana organizers there will be garbage pickup and EMS on hand.

Campers released after bus crash

GRAVENHURST All the children injured after a school bus rolled over near the northern outskirts of Toronto have been released from hospital.

The children, aged between 10 and 15, were travelling to Toronto from the Beacon Hill Bible Camp in Gravenhurst, when their chrome yellow bus lurched off the highway and flipped onto its side.

Three children and the bus driver were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

Camp administrator Tom Williams said his staff have been in touch with parents of all the campers who were on the bus.

Police say no other vehicles were involved. They spent much of yesterday afternoon trying to figure out how the bus landed on its side.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teaching defence **Ancient art of Gatka**

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Students practise drills that teach them to parlay a blow and counter at the Yudh Gatka Akhara School that instructs Gatka, an ancient Sikh form of martial arts. The mix of acrobatics and dancing with sticks is taught at the school, believed to be the only one in North America. It started about five years ago and has since taught about 400 students in Mississauga.

Billing protest over legal aid spreading

LAWYERS Strict billing caps and meagre hourly rates are fuelling a rapidly growing legal aid boycott in Ontario.

It began June 1 in Toronto, where more than 300 criminal lawyers stopped accepting legal aid certificates for homicide and guns and gangs cases.

Lawyers in Kingston and northwestern Ontario joined the boycott, which in the past week spread to Barrie, Sudbury and Hamilton.

That pushed the number of protesters to more than 400, nearly half of all criminal lawyers in Ontario. Under Legal Aid Ontario rules, lawyers can be paid for no more than two hours of work on bail hearing cases, at a top rate of $96.95 an hour.

Lawyers say an average non-legal-aid bail hearing can require 19 hours of work, three hours of preparation and 16 hours in court. They've suggested raising the hourly rate to between $105 and $140 an hour, as recommended eight years ago in a report done for the province.
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Costs

- Legal Aid Ontario issued 68,541 certificates last year to people charged with criminal offences, at a cost of $103 million

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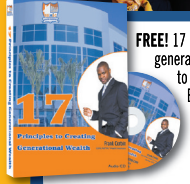

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Blaze closes roads

A Sunday morning fire saw flames shoot out of a first floor downtown apartment before spreading to the second and forcing the closure of a few roads. At one point there were at least 16 Toronto firetrucks, including five pumpers at the two-alarm fire on Avenue Road. No injuries were reported. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

$300,000 school program geared to inner city kids

Across a noisy classroom in the heart of Jane and Finch, children are brainstorming letters to the mayor about what they want to see gone from this city.

It's not the list you might expect from seven- and eight-year-olds.

"Guns." "Rats." "Gangs." "Shooting." "Raping — it could hurt or kill people."

Grade 3 student Jennifer Nguyen wants David Miller to "stop these two guys from fighting near my house. Their arms are always bleeding and I don't like it."

Aiz Baloch says he's proud to live in the neighbourhood where he takes this unusual program, so he wants Miller to target the graffiti he says "makes the world seem dirty."

They are two of 1,500 grade school students across Toronto's seven most needy neighbourhoods who have been invited to school each morning this month to try to raise their grasp of the 3 Rs to meet the Ontario standard.

> **"Look, most of these students haven't read Snow White."**
> Vicky Branco

Here at Firgrove Public School and the six other locations, teachers are test-driving new lesson plans written to appeal to inner-city children whose life stories often are missing from the regular curriculum.

The program has chosen books and topics that range from apartment living to child labour and how to transform a community.

"Look, most of these kids haven't read Snow White and haven't been to Disney World. Many of them knew the dad who was shot a while back playing basketball in a school playground," said former Firgrove principal Vicky Branco, who oversees this new $300,000 program.

Almost every student who was offered the free academic help agreed, he said, and now there is a waiting list.

The new summer school program is part of the Toronto District School Board's long-range plan to cut dropout rates by wrapping the most needy 15 per cent of students in extra help — even in summer. It's an extension of the "Model Schools for Inner Cities" pilot project, which gives $1 million a year to each of seven clusters of schools in low-income neighbourhoods.

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Missing **Search continues**

LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto firemen search for a body in Lake Ontario just east of the foot of Yonge Street yesterday afternoon after a man reportedly jumped in and did not resurface.

News in brief

ARREST Police have identified and laid murder and assault charges against an 18-year-old who was arrested Saturday in connection to the fatal stabbing of a minor at a party gone awry in Burlington. They found two male teens and one female teen, all suffering from stab wounds. All three were taken to hospital where one boy later died. Police say all the victims were under the age of 18 and their names are not being released at the request of the family. Shortly after the incident, police arrested Bradley Todorovich, 18, of Hamilton. He has been charged with second-degree murder, attempted murder and assault with a weapon. The suspect is expected to appear for a bail hearing Monday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Psychiatric institutions' walls built by patients: Researcher

HISTORY When the Provincial Lunatic Asylum wanted walls built to close off its inhabitants from the outside world, patients dug the foundations, laid the stones at the base and stacked bricks nearly five metres high.

When the asylum built a branch in Mimico, patients constructed the buildings that would one day house them and landscaped the grounds. For eight years they laboured, erecting buildings now used by Humber College's Lakeshore Campus.

The inmates washed and mended clothes, transported coal into the asylum and repaired the hospital's buildings.

They were never paid for their work.

"This is the oldest example of patient-built labour anywhere in the whole province," says Geoffrey Reaume as he stands next to the south wall of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's Queen Street West site, which was built from 1860 to 1861 by the inmates of what was then the Provincial Lunatic Asylum. "The wall is, without any doubt, a sign of discrimination and exclusion."

> **"This is the oldest example of patient-built labour anywhere in the whole province."**
> Geoffrey Reaume

Reaume, a York University professor, has made it his mission to make sure people remember the inmates of these psychiatric hospitals as well as their contributions.

As part of Mad Pride Week, which kicks off today, he will be leading a tour of the walls and the CAMH grounds.

In 1881, when the asylum expanded to the west, inmates were sent to build what would later become the Mimico Lunatic Asylum at Lake Shore and Kipling Avenue.

"It was considered a form of treatment to engage patients in labour," says Agatha Barc, a researcher who runs a website on the history of the Mimico asylum. "From my point of view, it was a form of exploitation."

Despite the grim symbolism of the walls and the other buildings at the Queen West asylum — built with virtual slave labour, the walls, Reaume says, were meant to keep the inmates from leaving — Reaume is adamant they must be preserved as a reminder of the people who lived and died there, and as a testament to their talents.

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Summer camp for boys at Buddhist temple

EXPERIENCE The itinerary of 11-year-old Toe Naing's summer camp includes getting up before dawn, early housecleaning, studying philosophy and learning to meditate and chant.

This weekend, along with a dozen other young boys and teens, the Brock Public School student had his shoulder-length hair shaved and slapped on a long orange robe to start a week of monkhood at the Burmese Buddhist Temple in Toronto.

The boys, some of them born here to Burmese Canadian immigrants, were ordained to be "novices" in the centuries-old rite of passage to purify their souls and experience the life of the Buddha. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Canada shedding reputation as illegal camcording haven

Tougher federal laws seem to be having blockbuster effects on shutting off the cameras of movie pirates in Canadian theatres. Recent reports show little, if any, activity on the movie theft front. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lasers no quick fix for tattoos: MD

The tattoo, once flaunted mostly by soldiers, sailors and ex-cons, has come into the mainstream, but today's expression of individuality can sometimes be tomorrow's unsightly embarrassment. The advent of tattoo laser removal has made it seem easier to reverse a regretted tattoo, but people still seem unaware it's a time-consuming, costly and somewhat painful process that doesn't guarantee success, says Dr. Melanie Grossman, a New York City dermatologist who pioneered the technique. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shuttle launch **Delayed again**

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Mission specialist Julie Payette of Canada waves as she walks toward a launch pad yesterday at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. The launch of the space shuttle Endeavour was foiled again yesterday, this time by a slow-moving rain cloud. NASA will attempt to launch the shuttle again today, and if successful, Payette will meet up with fellow Canadian Robert Thirsk aboard the International Space Station.

Boxer's wife in custody

Former champ Gatti found dead in Brazilian hotel room

Brazilian authorities detained the wife of former boxing champion Arturo Gatti as a suspect yesterday following his death at a posh seaside tourist resort in Brazil.

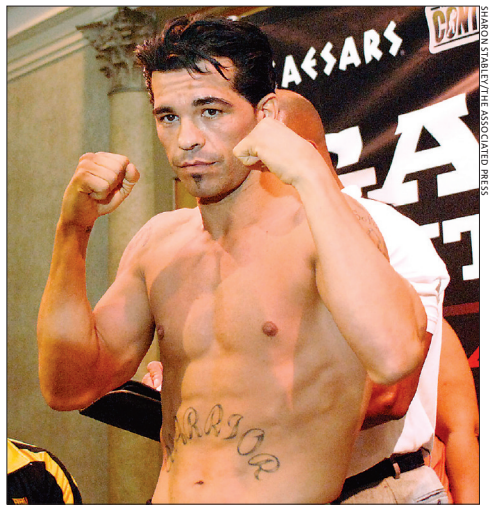
Police said 23-year-old Amanda Rodrigues was taken into custody after contradictions in her interrogation. The body of the 37-year-old Canadian boxer was found early Saturday in a hotel room at the Porto de Galinhas resort in northeastern Brazil.

The former junior welterweight champion from Montreal was apparently strangled with the strap of a purse, which was found at the scene with blood stains, said Milena Saraiva, a spokeswoman for the Pernambuco state civil police. She told The Associated Press that Gatti also sustained a head injury.

The investigation was not complete, but Saraiva said authorities were preparing to present a formal accusation against Rodrigues, who denied being involved in her husband's death.

Police said Rodrigues, a Brazilian, could not explain how she spent nearly 10 hours in the room without noticing that Gatti was already dead.

Police were investigating witness reports that the couple fought and Gatti was drunk when he returned to his room Friday night, Saraiva said, adding that police were told the couple was extremely jealous of each other and that he constantly complained of her clothing when she travelled to Brazil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Arturo Gatti weighs in for a welterweight title boxing match in Atlantic City, N.J., in this 2007 file photo. Officials say Gatti was found dead in a hotel room in Brazil on Saturday.

JTF2 soldiers target networks behind roadside explosives

AFGHANISTAN Canada's elite special-forces soldiers have been launching raids on enemy compounds to directly target insurgents making roadside bombs, the main killer of coalition troops in Afghanistan, the Toronto Star has learned.

Using intelligence gathered by Canadian spies on the ground in the troubled country, soldiers with Joint Task Force 2 and the special-forces regiment are actively involved in going after the networks that produce the improvised explosive devices.

While it's been known that members of the special-forces group have been operating in Afghanistan, the government has maintained a strict silence about their specific operations. But their website boasts that they work abroad "to destroy, disorganize and disrupt the networks of violent organizations." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Minority government losing its lustre: Poll

POLITICS Minority-government fatigue seems to be setting in with voters.

A new poll shows a spike in the number of Canadians who are pining for the days of federal majorities, and who might vote strategically in order to avoid the fourth straight minority in the next election.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey showed 64 per cent of respondents prefer a majority over a minority government, up from 52 per cent two years ago. Only 24 per cent said they preferred a minority, as compared to 36 per cent in 2007.

"What people went in with the hopes of was that it would help facilitate more coalition-building and more consensus-building within the parties, but in practice what it has yielded is more conflict," said Jeff Walker, Harris-Decima's senior vice-president.

64 The percentage of poll respondents who preferred a majority over a minority government.

The pollsters gave respondents four different scenarios to ponder: A Liberal majority or minority, or a Conservative majority or minority.

The Liberals came out on top in both respects — with 30 per cent preferring a Grit majority, and 14 per cent a Grit minority, as compared to the 24 per cent who backed a Tory majority and nine per cent who wanted a Tory minority. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

EDUCATION Students who are accustomed to the swipe-now, pay-later approach to tuition payments may have to re-think their finances this fall as more Canadian universities eliminate the option of paying with credit cards.

LAYTON NDP Leader Jack Layton is calling on the federal Conservatives to take immediate action to secure the release of Maziar Bahari, a Canadian-Iranian journalist held in Iran since June. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Queen's visit to Canada confirmed
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are set to visit Canada next summer. The mid-2010 visit was confirmed yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Weather models missed big N.S. storm: Report

Federal weather forecasters were blind to a vicious snowstorm that stranded 1,500 vehicles in Nova Scotia last fall because every one of their computer models failed to predict it, says an internal report.

Instead, staff at the Atlantic Storm Prediction Centre had to rely on phone calls and emails from colleagues and friends to find out what was going on.

The "models did not predict anything resembling the north-south oriented band of heavy precipitation over the affected areas," says the report, obtained under the Access to Information Act.

"There was no indication ... that such an event was going to occur."

Up to 20 centimetres of heavy, wet snow fell on the afternoon and evening of Nov. 19 last year over the Cobequid Pass, between Truro and Amherst, N.S., causing whiteout conditions. The busy stretch of Trans-Canada Highway connects Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Environment Canada's weather service had issued no storm warnings, and hundreds of drivers along the four-lane toll highway were caught unawares. Cars skidded off the road, trucks jack-knifed and eventually 1,500 vehicles were stranded overnight in freezing temperatures without food or water. No one was injured.

The province came under fire for its slow emergency response and failure to alert drivers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Early snow

- Chris Fogarty of the Atlantic Storm Prediction Centre, in Dartmouth, N.S. noted the weather office had no regularly staffed stations in the worst-hit area, and that early season snowfalls are "notoriously difficult to forecast."

Japan **A royal wave**

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO CANADA

Japan's Empress Michiko waves to reporters outside Vancouver Language School in the Downtown Eastside yesterday. The Empress and her husband, Emperor Akihito, are in Vancouver as part of cross-Canada trip.

No 2010 freebies for MPs

TICKETS The 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver may be Canada's Games, but if Canadian politicians want to experience the thrill of the events, they'll have to pay their own way.

The government has returned almost half of its tickets to the Games and anticipates giving back even more.

And the Minister of State for Sport is warning there will be no freebies.

"Senators, Members of Parliament and all government employees will be personally paying for their tickets," said Gary Lunn in a message to The Canadian Press.

"The cost will not be put on the taxpayer."

Neither Lunn or his staff would explain why the government felt it couldn't use 1,000 of its 2,500 tickets nor why more might be returned.

His spokesperson said only that the entire ticket program hadn't been finalized.

The deadline to return more tickets has now passed, but organizers are setting up a resale market specifically for its sponsors and partners later this year.

The government, as well as Games sponsors and Olympic officials, buy tickets separately from the general public.

This gives them exclusive access to high-demand events, such as gold-medal hockey, where as much as 70 per cent of the seats are reserved for Olympic sponsors and other officials. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SHOOTING Three people have been shot and wounded at an aboriginal powwow on the Squamish Nation's Capilano Reserve in West Vancouver. Police say the shooting took place around 11:15 p.m. last night, on the eve of an anti-violence rally. Cpl. Fred Harding says the shots were fired outside the gathering but police have no suspects. The three wounded individuals were said to be alert and conscious.

MISSING Emergency response teams are still searching the water and shoreline of a lake in northwestern Ontario for a man who was picked up by a tornado that swept through a hunting and fishing resort Thursday. The OPP say they have divers, lake patrols and a ground team searching in and around Lac Seul for Dennis Kinkaid of Ponca City, Olka. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jailed evangelist 'married' underage girls: Prosecutors

Evangelist Tony Alamo "married" the underage girls he allegedly forced into sex, exchanging vows and rings, prosecutors said. Alamo's trial begins this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

At least 26 women drown in capsizing

Two boats capsized in western India yesterday when the passengers panicked after seeing a bolt of lightning, police said. Twenty-six women drowned.

Rescuers saved four passengers and two crew from the Wainganga River after the accident, said police Superintendent Suresh Sagar. Eight other women are still missing. After seeing a massive bolt of lightning, the women — poor farm labourers on their way home from work — panicked and the ensuing chaos upset the boats.

The boats overturned in the Bhandara district of Maharashtra state, about 925 kilometres northeast of Mumbai.

It's not clear why all the passengers were women. But in many parts of India, women make up most of the farm workers.

Boat accidents are common in India, where many vessels are unsafe and overloaded. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bridge collapse

- One section of a concrete bridge being built for the metro rail system in New Delhi, India, collapsed yesterday, crushing to death five workers and injuring 13, officials said.

Spain **Running of the bulls**

DANIEL OCHOA DE OLZA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A reveller is gored by a bull, right, yesterday during the sixth day of the running of the bulls at the San Fermin Festival in Pamplona, Spain. Four runners were gored, two seriously injured.

China unrest injury toll raised

RIOTS State media says the Xinjiang government has raised the injured toll in last week's riots in the Chinese region to 1,680. The official Xinhua News Agency said yesterday the number of people wounded during the ethnic violence that broke out July 5 in the regional capital of Urumqi has increased by nearly 600. The protests by minority Uighurs escalated into deadly attacks on members of the Han Chinese majority. The worst ethnic unrest to hit China in decades left 184 people dead, including 137 Han and 46 Uighur victims, according to state media. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama touched by trip

GHANA U.S. President Barack Obama returned home yesterday after a whirlwind but emotional visit to Ghana that he said was especially meaningful for him because of his African heritage.

Before departing, Obama addressed Ghanaians at the airport in the capital of Accra. He congratulated Ghana for its democratic traditions and said he would never forget the image of his young daughters walking through a 17th-century slave fortress on the country's coast.

The emotional touchstone of his visit was the tour of Cape Coast Castle, the cannon-lined fortress where slaves were kept in squalid dungeons, then shipped in chains to America through a "Door of No Return" that opens to the sea. Obama says slavery is a terrible part of U.S. history and should be taught in a meaningful way, comparing the legacy of slavery to the history of the Holocaust. He said both are horrible parts of history but shouldn't be ignored.

"I'll never forget the image of my two young daughters, the descendants of Africans and African-Americans, walking through those doors of no return but then walking back (through) those doors," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another blow for Japanese PM
Japan's prime minister suffered a fresh blow yesterday as his ruling party was badly beaten by the opposition in a crucial vote. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Probes expected of Bush-era policies

Secret program, torture may be investigated

Six months into Barack Obama's presidency, twin investigations may be on the horizon into Bush-era policies in the war on terror.

Two senators, including the head of the intelligence committee, suggested yesterday the prior administration broke the law by concealing a CIA counterterrorism program from Congress.

The assertion that former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney ordered the concealment came amid word that Attorney General Eric Holder is contemplating opening a criminal probe of possible CIA torture.

A move to appoint a criminal prosecutor is certain to stir partisan bickering that could prove a distraction to Obama's efforts to push ambitious health-care and energy reform.

"We were kept in the dark. That's something that should never, ever happen again."
Dianne Feinstein

Obama has repeatedly expressed reluctance to probing alleged Bush-era abuses. He resisted an effort by congressional Democrats to establish a "truth commission," saying the U.S. should be "looking forward and not backwards."

Regarding the eight-year-old counterterrorism program, the Bush administration's failure to notify Congress "is a big problem, because the law is very clear," said Senate Intelligence Committee chairwoman Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat.

According to Feinstein, CIA director Leon Panetta told Congress late last month that Cheney ordered the program not be revealed to Congress.

"We were kept in the dark. That's something that should never, ever happen again," said Feinstein.

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Greece **Migrant camp being cleared**

EUROPA/ISSUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrants leave a camp yesterday as policemen look on in the western Greek port city of Patras. A major police operation is underway to clear a camp where hundreds of mostly Afghan immigrants are staying in squalid conditions hoping to sneak onto Italy-bound ferries. Bulldozers have moved in to clear the camp and municipal authorities are burning tons of trash.

Slaying suspects caught on tape

SURVEILLANCE A Florida couple killed in their home had an extensive surveillance system in the house that recorded three apparently experienced criminals swiftly slip into the house before driving off in a red van, police said.

Byrd and Melanie Billings of Beulah, a rural area near the Alabama state line, were found shot dead in their home Thursday evening. The couple was killed as their children slept.

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Curfew lifted in Honduras

CRISIS Honduran authorities lifted a curfew yesterday that had been imposed since the ousting of President Manuel Zelaya two weeks ago — a sign the interim government is trying to restore normality to life in the crisis-gripped country.

In a nationally-broadcasted announcement, the interim government said the curfew had reached its objective to "restore calm" and curb crime in the Central American country.

The de facto administration of Roberto Micheletti imposed the curfew after soldiers escorted Zelaya out of the country at gunpoint on June 28, plunging Honduras into political turmoil.

Hondurans were ordered to stay in their homes from 11 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. nightly.

The government briefly extended it from sunset to sunrise when Zelaya attempted to return to Honduras and the military blocked his plane from landing by parking vehicles on the runway July 5.

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With many people rethinking their employment options, it's possible some might be considering whether taking up writing may be the way to go.

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P: Can you do that?

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c) Sit down, write 6,000 more words and feel lucky.

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Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

Metrolinx transit agency gets a makeover

InTransit

Ed Drass

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Metrolinx, the provincial agency charged with rebuilding the GTA's neglected transit grid, is resurfacing after its rushed marriage with GO Transit earlier this year. The "old" Metrolinx was overseen by regional politicians who have been turfed. The new board — all provincial appointees — meets today to start building the huge transport plan approved by those same politicians.

The province has already announced funding for several projects named in the strategy — known as the "The Big Move" — and Metrolinx is expected to complete them quickly. The five priority jobs are: Light rail lines along Finch, Sheppard and Eglinton avenues, exclusive bus lanes along Highway 7 and Yonge Street in York Region, as well as rehabilitating and extending the overcrowded Scarborough RT.

Metrolinx had better get cracking — its political masters in Queen's Park are impatient.

What's unclear is how the province is going to deal with the many unfunded transit projects still on the list. Even though Metrolinx has scads of experts evaluating which are most worthy, the provincial cabinet can pick and choose at its whim.

There are signs that "bang for the buck" can trump politically-motivated planning: The much-criticized scheme to revive train service to Peterborough is apparently a lower Metrolinx priority than expanding busy GO rail corridors like Georgetown and Milton. That's smart.

However, the federal Conservatives suggested the Peterborough run, and who knows what behind-the-scenes pressure continues. Yet Ottawa is helping pay for the Sheppard LRT line, which will serve many people per dollar spent. Let's hope the feds choose frugal projects from here on in.

Nonetheless, they and the provincial Liberals can just ignore advice from the Metrolinx board.

In my view, the new board of directors (you can inspect their credentials at metrolinx.com) and the many experts who support them have a clear obligation to denounce or distance themselves from politicized planning and vote-focused projects.

The efficiency of our transport network is more important.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

Quick tip

- Beware of automated TTC token machines at some stations — they may eat your coins. I haven't yet confirmed how many are jammed, but it may be wise to use only paper bills ($10 or $20) or stick with the collector booths.

Letters

Torontotonians no better or worse than other Canadians

Re: Dumping on the 'centre of the universe,' July 8

I understand comments and editorials are meant to be provocative, but I found the nasty and condescending tone of this piece so offensive I felt compelled to write.

I am disappointed Paul Sullivan feels that, based on his experience, Torontonians consider themselves the Centre of the Known Universe. I would suggest, however, that people often find the things they look for, and in my experience the "Toronto-itis" to which he refers is a great exaggeration. I believe every Canadian could do a better job of understanding the geography and history of our large and diverse nation. I do not believe Torontonians are any worse or better at this than any other Canadian. Many of us could be faulted for being too narrowly focused on our own immediate environments.

This is not Torontonian arrogance, but simply a statement of fact. I have never found Torontonians to express the malicious disdain for the rest of Canada as it was expressed by Sullivan.

REBECCA HANCOCK, TORONTO

Michael Jackson was human, with his own faults

Michael Jackson is a tragic loss to the music world and humanity. I applaud this man for his musical genius.

There are those who mock him. Instead of mocking him, I ask that you ask yourselves why this man disfigured his face and acted in other unconventional/strange ways.

Yes, ultimately, Jackson was responsible for his own actions. He was human, with faults.

Yes, it was foolish to proclaim to the world that he played with/tucked young boys into his bed. Yes, this is inappropriate behaviour for a man.

Like the jurors who acquitted him, I choose to believe Jackson was innocent. I like to believe there is good, that there is still innocence in this world, and it's not just limited to children and animals.

I hope the angels will protect him and he will finally rest in peace.

IRENA MISTAUTAS, OAKVILLE

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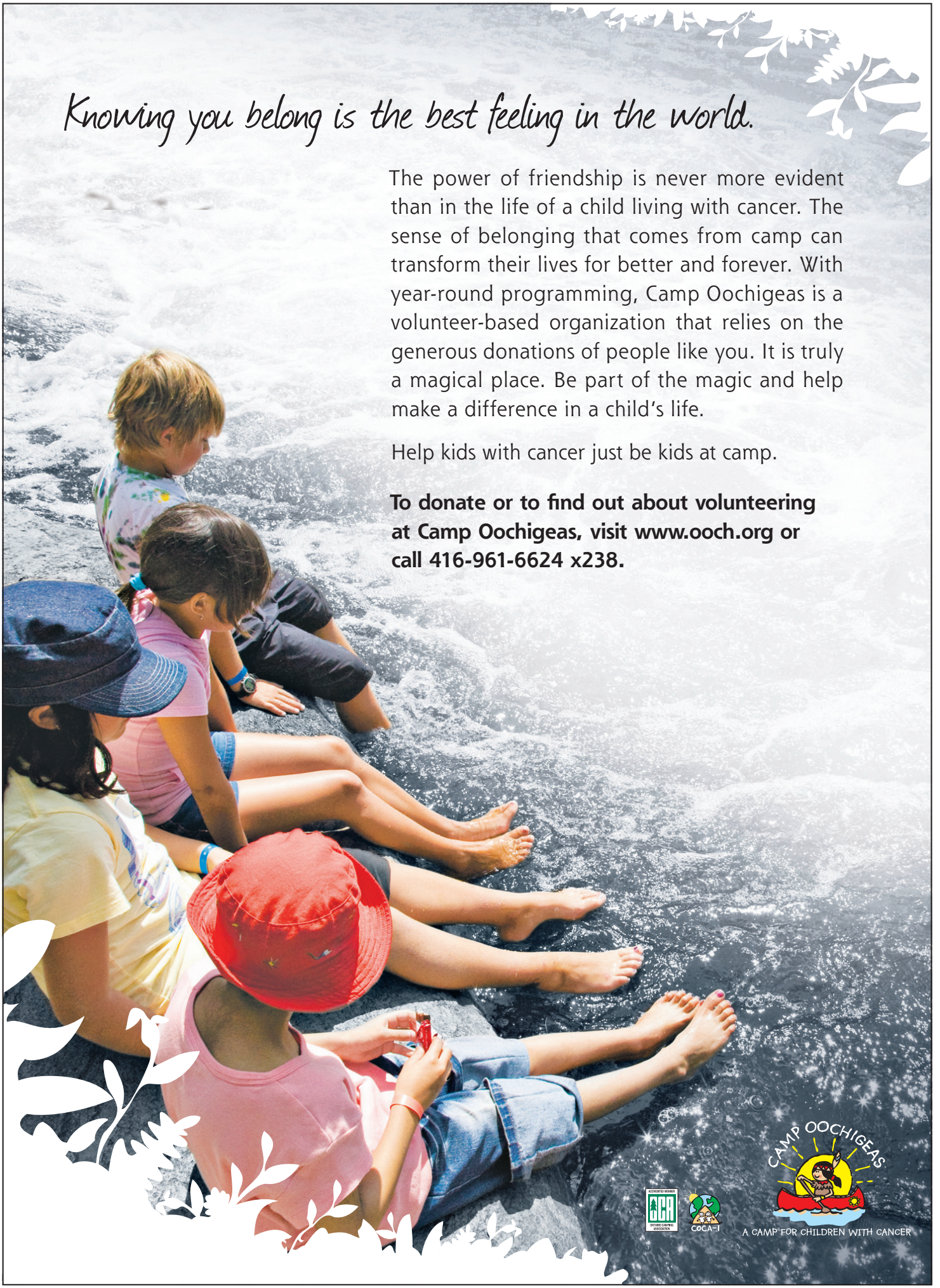
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Australia warns detention of Rio employee could hurt China

Australian officials said yesterday that China has not given them any evidence to support its detention of an Australian mining executive on spying charges and warned the affair could discourage foreign companies from doing business there. Officials will seek information today on the detention of Rio Tinto employee Stern Hu. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

QE2 owner mulls sale

The cash-strapped Dubai owner of the QE2 is weighing plans to open the British ocean liner as a floating hotel elsewhere in the Middle East or Africa rather than in the struggling Persian Gulf sheikdom. Ship owner Nakheel said it is evaluating interest from other ports before going ahead with a planned refurbishment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Critics slam do-not-call shield

Opposition critics are demanding a federal regulator identify telemarketers thumbing their noses at do-not-call list rules instead of protecting them from public scorn.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission refuses to name two telemarketers recently issued violation notices or even make public the amount of fines they face.

"We expected real vigilance on behalf of Canadian consumers, not shielding them (the telemarketers) under anonymity," NDP critic MP Pat Martin (Winnipeg Centre) said.

"Half the deterrence of a penalty is the bad publicity you get as being outed as a scofflaw. This do-not-call list is useless if it does not expose the wrongdoers to public outcry," he said.

Martin said few things unite Canadians more than their loathing of telemarketers, especially those who refuse to respect the no-call list launched in September 2008.

Leonard Katz, CRTC's vice-chairman of telecommunications, defended the commission's decision, saying the "intent here is to promote compliance," not punish the companies by publicizing their names right away.

Katz said the policy, which the CRTC came up with after consulting other jurisdictions, says the telemarketers won't be named unless they refuse to pay the fine within 30 days, in which case they will be hauled up before a public hearing. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Millions on list

- According to the CRTC, nearly seven million telephone numbers have been registered on the national no-call list.

Recession placing strain on Canadian charities

DONATIONS Charities across the country are seeing a drop in cash contributions, and food banks are receiving fewer donations because of the recession.

As more people lose their jobs, fewer donations of money and second-hand items are coming in. The problem is compounded by the fact that more out-of-work people are relying on charities to get by.

"People who used to be donors are now using our services and coming to us for help," said Andrew Burditt, territorial director with the Salvation Army. "It seems donating to charities has become a second priority for most Canadians."

Salvation Army branches in British Columbia and Alberta are seeing an increase in the number of people using their food banks, but fewer personal belongings are being donated to thrift stores and shelters, he said.

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Jobless rate at 11-year high: StatsCan

STUDY Hiring across many sectors such as financial services, insurance, real estate, information, culture and recreation in June helped offset job losses in manufacturing, the most recent jobs report from Statistics Canada shows.

As a result, Canada's unemployment rate edged up 0.2 per cent to 8.6 per cent last month, to its highest level in 11 years.

In the Toronto area, the news was worse: The unemployment rate jumped to 9.6 per cent from 9.1 per cent, largely because of declines in tourism and construction. In 1997, by comparison, unemployment hit 9.1 per cent for the year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Space From Hawaii to the stars

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This conceptual artist rendering provided by Rocketplane Global Inc. shows the Rocketplane XP spacecraft. Several space tourism companies, including Rocketplane, have shown interest in coming to Hawaii, which would make it the eighth U.S. state with a spaceport licence.

Digital generation not lazy, they're just different: Author

Grown Up Digital

Author: Don Tapscott
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REVIEW The modern institutions of days gone by are fast becoming lacklustre, archaic systems of bureaucracy that are ultimately failing the largest generation, the Net generation.

Prolific author Don Tapscott's newest book, Grown Up Digital, a follow-up to his first book on the topic, Growing Up Digital, sizes up the first generation to grow up completely in the digital age. They grab new gadgets and immediately begin using it, whereas their parents will spend hours combing a manual and still be baffled.

To cynics, this generation appears to be unfocused, antisocial and suffering from ADD. Tapscott wholly disagrees — a very refreshing perspective that now gives me a bit more peace of mind, knowing how much time I already spend Facebooking and Twittering.

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Business In brief

LCBO Ontario Liquor Control Board Workers are getting ready to vote on a new tentative agreement today and tomorrow. The deal was reached late last month, averting a strike that had been set for June 24. News of the potential strike, which would have seen about 6,000 workers walk off the job, cleared store shelves across the province as customers rushed to stock up on booze.

HEARING The U.S. and Swiss governments and banking giant UBS AG indicated yesterday they were seeking a settlement and asked a federal judge to delay high-stakes hearings on the Internal Revenue Service's effort to identify thousands of suspected American tax evaders. Unless a deal is reached beforehand, the filing asks the hearing be rescheduled for Aug. 3.

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Chuck those toxic baby wipes
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Going Green

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Non-stick cookware debate

EarthTones

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This week we shift gears and go from considering the large global environment in which we live to the small local environment in which we also live. This small environment can be as small as your own kitchen. Just as we need to worry about what heavy industry is putting into the air we breathe, so, too, do we need to worry about what we ourselves are putting into our air and our bodies.

Recently, there has been much debate about the safety of using "non-stick" cookware. I have to admit, I love my non-stick pots. Whenever I try to cook in anything else I end up having to chip the food off the bottom of the pan with a chisel. This is less than appetizing. However, am I trading safety for unpetrified food?

Non-stick coating is made from fluoropolymers. These compounds can break down into perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), a suspected human carcinogen. PFOA is found at low levels in the blood of most North Americans. Are we getting it from our cookware, though? As I check this out on the web, some sites tell me that my pots are definitely toxic. Then I notice that many of them want to sell me new pots. Other sites tell me that my non-stick pots are perfectly safe. Then I notice that some of them make the non-stick pots or the coating. Who to believe?

Most of the impartial information I find, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and a leading scientific journal, indicate that very little if any PFOA in our blood comes from non-stick cookware. The coating decomposes into PFOA at temperatures about 350 C (660 F). Temperatures for normal usage — frying meat 240 C (470°F), baking 230 C (450 F) — are well below these levels. In fact, anything you have in the pot, such as butter or oil, will start to smoke at 204 C (400 F), and in my experience this will set off your smoke detector. Any coating that flakes off your pan and gets eaten will pass right through you and will not harm you at all.

If you do heat a non-stick pot above 350 C (660 F) and you breathe in the fumes you can get what is called polymer fume fever, which gives you flu like symptoms. It is reversed by breathing fresh air in humans but can be fatal to birds. So don't keep your canary in the kitchen if you are prone to burning pots.

The bottom line with pots is to weigh the health concerns about non-stick coatings against the health concerns of putting more fat in the pan so your food doesn't stick to a regular pan. I think for most people, the fat is a greater health risk.

OK, so that's where PFOA isn't. Here's where it is.

Microwave popcorn bags. Most of these bags have non-stick coatings and when you heat your popcorn they decompose, leach into the oil and stick to your popcorn. If you eat just 10 bags of microwave popcorn a year, 20 per cent of the PFOA in your blood could be from popcorn.

Finally, we need to take things back to the larger environment and consider where the non-popcorn PFOA in our blood comes from.

A possible source is pollution from the industries that put the coating on the pan and in the popcorn bags. So use your non-stick pots but don't buy more than you need because the more we consume the more they create.

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Recycling for a cause

TREASURES We all know recycling is good for the environment, but have you ever thought about how recycling could help those who are less fortunate?

Old electronics: That dated computer or cellphone might be old to you, but chances are it would be new to someone else. Consider donating them to organizations that help provide job training for the unemployed.

Not just old clothes: Why stop at donating old clothes to a local charity? Kitchen items that aren't being used can find a new home at the local soup kitchen; unused toiletries would be appreciated at a women's shelter; and children's toys are a welcome addition to any church.

Nickels in blue bin: You wouldn't put a bin full of coins out for the garbage truck so why give away those cans? Aluminum cans can be traded in for money that you can use to support the charity of your choice. NEWS CANADA

Going Green in brief

E-CLUTTER Spam emails clog up inboxes and clutter accounts — but they can also be damaging to the environment. Security technology company McAfee Inc. says researchers found the amount of energy used to transmit, process and filter spam emails totals 22 billion kilowatt hours annually. The environmental impact from spam emails adds up to a person driving around the world 1.6 million times. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Gallant beat filly Milwaukee Appeal in a photo finish to capture the 74th running of the Prince of Wales Stakes thoroughbred race yesterday in Fort Erie, Ont. Queen's Plate champion Eye of The Leopard finished third. The Breeders' Stakes will be run Aug. 2 at Woodbine Racetrack. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Webber wins first GP

Red Bull's Mark Webber, left, won his first Formula One race after overcoming a penalty to take the German Grand Prix yesterday. The Australian beat teammate Sebastian Vettel despite a drive-through penalty for bumping Brawn GP's Rubens Barrichello at the start. Felipe Massa gave Ferrari its first podium finish of the season by finishing third ahead of Nico Rosberg of Williams. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Franchitti takes Toronto Indy

Facing red-hot temperatures and tempers to match, Dario Franchitti kept his cool — and it paid off with a checkered flag.

The Scottish driver overcame a rough early pit stop and took advantage of a late crash between Helio Castroneves and Toronto's Paul Tracy en route to victory yesterday at the Honda Indy Toronto.

It's the second career victory in Toronto for Franchitti, who outpaced Australia's Ryan Briscoe by more than a second-and-a-half on the 1.755-mile temporary street course at Exhibition Place. Another Aussie, Will Power, finished third.

Franchitti had been stung by the Toronto course before, and wasn't about to be victimized again.

"I got out to a lead that I was pretty happy with, and I was controlling the pace from there." Dario Franchitti

"I remember '98, when I had a massive lead and made a mistake pushing too hard," said Franchitti, who overtook Scott Dixon for the overall points lead.

"I got out to a lead that I was pretty happy with, and I was controlling the pace from there, not pushing too hard. There was a couple of instances today I felt if I'd have taken a bigger risk, I would have ended up with a bent race car."

The two Canadians in the field were involved in the two biggest incidents on a sunny, but humid day at Exhibition Place.

Tracy's No. 15 KV Racing car was crunched into the wall following a collision with Castroneves on Lap 66. Tracy was attempting to pass Castroneves for second place when he made contact with the Brazilian driver, who then swerved back into Tracy, mashing him up against the barrier.

Tracy had mixed emotions after the race.

"I'm relieved and I'm frustrated, and I'm also happy that we put on a great show," said Tracy, a two-time winner in Toronto.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

SAUL PORTO/TOP NEWS

Scotland's Dario Franchitti, centre, celebrates after winning the Honda Indy Toronto yesterday. The win moved Franchitti past Scott Dixon for first place in the overall season standings.

Sports in brief

WOMEN'S OPEN Eun Hee Ji of South Korea made a 20-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole, finishing off an even-par 71 to win the U.S. Women's Open. Ji recovered from a double-bogey at the 10th hole and finished at even-par 284 yesterday, outlasting third-round leader Cristie Kerr.

UFC Welterweight champion Georges St. Pierre showed off his superb wrestling skills and all-round smarts in winning a unanimous and dominant decision over Thiago Alves in the co-main event of UFC 100 Saturday. In the heavyweight bout, Brock Lesnar stopped Frank Mir at 1:58 of the second round.

RAPTORS The Toronto Raptors are set to offer a four-year contract to Jarrett Jack, a five-year NBA restricted free agent from the Indiana Pacers, who played with Chris Bosh at Georgia Tech, according to team and league sources. Financial details of the pact — which the Pacers have seven days to match from the time Jack officially signs it — were not immediately available.

TOUR DE FRANCE Pierrick Fedrigo of France accelerated past a lone rival in a breakaway to win yesterday's ninth stage of the Tour de France as the race left the Pyrenees. Rinaldo Nocentini of Italy retained the yellow jersey for a third consecutive day, with 2007 Tour winner Alberto Contador in second and his Astana teammate Lance Armstrong in third place overall.

BASEBALL Minnesota Twins prospect and Toronto native Rene Tosoni drove in the winning running in MLB's Futures Game yesterday as the World team rallied to beat the U.S. 7-5. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Despite results, Stephen Hart needed behind the scenes

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Stephen Hart should not be made the full-time head coach of Canada's men's national team.

There, I said it. Breathe. It wasn't easy.

Since taking over the coaching duties (once again) he has led the national squad to an undefeated record. And he has done it with a young squad missing some of its star power. And he has done it in the so-called Group of Death. And he has done it for no money.

So, why the Sam Hill shouldn't he be made head coach? Well, to put it simply, Hart can do better.

Right now, he's doing the job of two men — interim national team head coach and technical director of the Canadian Soccer Association. Hell, as technical director, he's doing the job of 10 men.

So, if you're counting: That's the job of 11 men, by one man, making one salary. Quite the deal. Kind of makes you wonder where that savvy negotiating was when the last coach was inked.

In Hart, you have one of the clearest, most succinct soccer minds in the country. He is one of many who share an understanding of what needs to be done to develop world-class soccer players in this country — and one of the few who are actually in a position to do something about it.

I think back to January when Hart came on the It's Called Football show. In a wide-ranging interview, the man from Trinidad and Tobago discussed the impact youth academies are having across the country, how to link streams of amateur player development into our professional and semi-professional ranks and, more importantly, stressed the importance of raising the level of technical coaching standards in Canada.

It was a complex, enlightening interview and a breath of fresh air. Afterwards, Ben Knight, co-host of the show and a man with 20 years of soccer writing under his colourful vest, turned to me and said, "Wow, this guy gets it. We've really got something here."

Got something, indeed.

"The man can't keep on doing the demanding work of both jobs — one side or the other will eventually suffer."

The question now is what the CSA intends to do with Hart.

It's hard not to look back on the disastrous World Cup qualifying campaign and wonder what could have been if Hart had led the way. The players, by all accounts, love playing for him and, quite simply, he gets results.

And with Canada looking like it may make a run deep into the Gold Cup, the calls will certainly once again come to install Hart as the full-time head coach.

That would be a mistake.

The man can't keep on doing the demanding work of both jobs — one side or the other will eventually suffer.

Getting results with the national team is the sexier approach, but developing elite level players for generations to come would be the smart one.

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Doc gets call in St. Louis?

It appears Roy Halladay will start for the American League in tomorrow's all-star game. An all-star supplement in yesterday's St. Louis Post-Dispatch featured a starting lineup card for the Midsummer Classic listing Halladay in the pitcher's spot for the AL, and San Francisco Giants star Tim Lincecum for the National League. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canadian school joins NCAA

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UNIVERSITY In a historic first, Simon Fraser University has been given membership into the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division II.

The Burnaby, B.C., school on Friday became the first non-American, post-secondary institution to gain acceptance into the association.

American competition is nothing new for SFU — its teams not only compete in Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS), but also the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), which is comprised of U.S. schools.

SFU will go through a two-year transition, during which all of its teams will maintain their present course in the NAIA and CIS.

The teams could then begin play in the NCAA Division II's Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) in 2011-12. They will face schools such as Central Washington University and Seattle Pacific University.

SFU will have to make some minor adjustments when the change takes place as NCAA student athletes are allowed to play for four years while CIS students can do so for five.

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Baltimore's Gregg Zaun slides under Toronto shortstop Marco Scutaro on a force out at second on a ground ball hit by Cesar Izturis yesterday in Baltimore. Izturis was safe at first and the Orioles won 4-2.

Jays lose another series

MLB RESULTS

Toronto 2 Baltimore 4

AT Orioles

Brad Bergesen took a shutout into the seventh inning, Brian Roberts had two RBIs and the Baltimore Orioles beat Toronto 4-2 yesterday to end a miserable road trip for the Blue Jays.

Oscar Salazar homered and Roberts also scored a run for the Orioles, who took two of three from Toronto. Baltimore has won six of its last nine series and trails the fourth-place Blue Jays by only three games in the AL East.

Toronto has lost 12 of 15 and went 2-8 on a swing through Yankee Stadium, Tampa Bay and Baltimore. Each of those 10 road games were decided by two runs or fewer.

Bergesen (6-3) gave up two runs and seven hits in 6⅔ innings. The rookie took a 3-0 lead into the seventh, but was pulled after the Blue Jays used three hits and a sacrifice fly to get within a run.

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Hill to start at all-star game

BASEBALL Toronto Blue Jays second baseman Aaron Hill will be in the starting lineup for tomorrow's all-star game.

Hill got the nod from American League manager Joe Maddon yesterday when Boston 2B Dustin Pedroia dropped out due to personal reasons.

Aaron Hill

Pedroia's wife, Kelli, is seven months pregnant and has been in the hospital since last Monday with complications.

"I am disappointed that I will not be able to enjoy the amazing experience with the other all-stars, especially with my Red Sox teammates, but it is important that I put my family first at this time," Pedroia said in a statement.

Tampa Bay first baseman Carlos Pena will replace Pedroia on the AL roster.

Pena leads the AL with 24 homers and will take part in the home run derby leading to the game in St. Louis.

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Workology

Measuring creativity

A new admissions index introduced recently by the U.S.-based Educational Testing Service is slated to assist graduate schools in determining whether an applicant possesses personal attributes such as creativity and resilience. The Personal Potential Index is an online-based system that allows applicants to identify supervisors or professors, who are then invited to evaluate students on six personality dimensions, including communication skills, teamwork, planning, and ethics. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Key to good accent? Not to think about it

Backstage Pass

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Eric Armstrong knows so many accents, it can be hard to figure out which is his real one.

Since 1995, the 45-year-old vocal trainer has worked in just about every segment of the entertainment industry in Canada and the U.S. teaching actors how to maintain a convincing Southern drawl or master an abrupt Nordic-English accent.

It's an unusual but not wholly unexpected career turn for Armstrong, a former actor, who got into the field sort of by accident when he realized he could do better accents than the people he worked with.

"It's one of the most unique jobs. I never really imagined this would be what I'd be doing," Armstrong said.

An Ottawa native and current York University professor, Armstrong holds Fine Arts degrees from Concordia University and York University and also studied at the Drama Studio in London — studies he completed to pursue a career as an actor. He switched to vocal coaching when he realized he not only had a knack for dissecting accents but also for teaching other people.

Even trained actors need help with their voice now and then.

"I think I have a natural talent and ear for language and I really try hard to adapt to the learning styles of the actors I work with," Armstrong said.

Armstrong has coached actors on the CBC show The Border, YTV's How to Be Indie and recently five actors he coached garnered Dora Award nominations with one of them, David Ferry, winning a Dora. Armstrong also coached Tom Wilkinson in the 2003 HBO film Normal, where he helped the actor nail down the vocal nuances of a man undergoing a sex-change operation.

Armstrong says his primary job as a vocal coach is to help the actor internalize an accent as naturally, and quickly, as possible.

"Actors want to get to the point where they don't have to think too much about the accent — they just want to do it. My job is to help actors get to that stage very quickly," Armstrong said.

Case in point: He frequently gets called in the day before or sometimes on the day of an actor's performance, underscoring the fact that time is at a premium in the entertainment industry.

"There's almost no time allotted to coaching the actor. Not only do I have to be prepared to do my work at any time but I'm expected to do it in a very short amount of time," he said.

Armstrong recently coached the young actress Isabelle Fuhrman, star of the upcoming suspense film Orphan. The script called for Fuhrman's chilling character Esther to pretend to speak in a Russian accent while secretly being Estonian, a complex subtlety that required plenty of research and coaching on Armstrong's part.

Ultimately Armstrong's greatest satisfaction comes from helping advance the art of acting itself.

"The most rewarding part of my career is to support artists by developing them to find their own voice," he said.

For more of the Backstage Pass exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: **metronews.ca/work**

Ups and downs

Eric Armstrong

- Vocal trainer Eric Armstrong weighs in on some of the best — and worst — accents in Hollywood.
- Best: **CATE BLANCHETT** and **MERYL STREEP**. Armstrong says Blanchett is "fantastic" with accents and calls Streep "the gold standard"
- Worst: 1) **KEANU REEVES** in The Devil's Advocate. Armstrong loves the actor but admits Reeves' southern accent in the 1997 flick "was really inconsistent."
- 2) The cast of the 1989 film Steel Magnolias, which included **JULIA ROBERTS**, for their mismatched Southern accents. "They are supposed to from the same small town but they all sound completely different," Armstrong said.

Workology in **brief**

CANADIAN FORCES A new program has been launched that will provide children of Canadian Forces personnel killed while serving in active duty with four-year university scholarships. Called Project Hero, the program, which was launched by former Chief of Defence Staff General Rick Hillier, will begin on Sept. 1, 2009 and cover the cost of undergraduate tuition for four academic years, as well as the cost of on-campus residence fees for the first academic year for students who have lost a parent in a military mission. Currently, Memorial University, The Universities of Calgary, Ottawa and Windsor and the University of Ottawa are participating in the program.

YOUTH JOURNEY A long-term study between 2000 and 2008 of 22,000 Canadian youth aged 18 to 20 shows the most common sequence of events to adulthood for both men and women was to leave school, find a full-time job, leave the parental home, form a relationship and have children. However, the eight-year-long study found that more men left school and began working full-time earlier than women. The study also found that 43 per cent of the participants attended college, one per cent more than those who attended university. Participation in postsecondary education was higher for women than men. HEATHER BUCHAN/FOR METRO CANADA

Clarification

Last week an article headlined "One company's huge impact" incorrectly stated that Deloitte would be giving their staff a day off to volunteer for their Impact Day. Deloitte will not be giving a day off and instead will be encouraging employees to volunteer their own time, while off work on Sept. 26, to volunteer. Metro regrets the error.

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CBU to keep Picasso sketchbook

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Step by step tips for your job hunt

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

When Canada reported its highest unemployment rate in 11 years in May, sights were quickly set on job loss.

But with more and more Canadians out of work and seeking, where does that leave the prospects for job gain? "Somewhere between tough and brutal," says Barbara Moses, president of BBM Human Resource Consultants and author of the recently updated guide What Next? Find the Work that's Right for You.

To match a fickle market, Moses says employers are demanding more than just a passable prospective hire, changing how job hunters must approach their prey.

"You have to be much more savvy and focused in how you look for work," she says. "(Employers) don't want someone who looks, for example, like they could transfer skills because they've done similar work in similar environments. They want someone who's done the exact same thing."

To convince a company you're the exact fit for the job, Moses recommends three steps, starting with employer empathy.

"Put on the headset of a recruiter," she says. "Write down, specifically, skills, experiences and abilities that you would be looking for if you were hiring for that job." By visualizing the ideal candidate, Moses says you can begin understanding how your qualification compares, leading to step two — mine your own experience.

"Dig down and reframe everything you've done in the light of what that employer would be looking for," she says. That means scrapping stock resumés for customized ones and even tailoring your response to a request like 'Tell me about yourself' for different job interviews.

During the interview is where step three comes into play — form a human connection. "You don't want to sound like a robot," says Moses. "Human connection can be expressed in any number of ways — a smile, or it could be that you're anxious." And nerves are OK by Moses. "It shows that you're human," she says. "You don't have to be slick."

While the recommendations apply to all, the experience and ability of different age groups can change their application approach.

For older workers laid off later in life, Moses suggests capitalizing on the prevalent cancellation of training programs by using years of experience to offer mentorship. "Make yourself available and tell employers, 'I really enjoy mentoring younger workers and helping them develop.' That will be a big plus."

And while twentysomethings plagued by 'last hired, first fired' syndrome don't have years in the workforce at their disposal, Moses says they've got more experience than they think, including casual jobs and volunteer work.

Careers in crime scene cleanup

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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Cleaning up crime scenes can be a messy business.

As a new firefighter back in 1998, Brian Woronuik of Delta, B.C., had a very different reaction to scenes of blood, guts and gore than most people.

Instead of getting freaked out, he wondered who would clean up.

"I got me thinking, I wonder if there are any companies out there who would look after these families' needs in times of disaster?" thought Woronuik, who's now 38.

For two years he researched the business before getting a loan to launch Trauma Scene Clean Up. He got certified by the American Bio-Recovery Association, and called on his stepfather and several firefighter colleagues to work with him.

The company's first call was for an older man who'd been found dead in his home after more than a week. A funeral home had taken the body away, but the signs and smells of decomposition needed serious clean up.

The man's family stood aside while Woronuik and his crew did their thing. "They were so thankful of our services, we knew we were onto something."

For a typical call, the company tries to respond within a few hours. Depending on the scene, two technicians or more will show up and at least one will gear up in a disposable protective suit and put on gloves and a respirator.

Anything with blood on it gets placed in a biohazard tub — they're brought back to the office and disposed of safely later. Then the crew pulls out hospital grade cleaners and sets to disinfecting the site. "We make it as close to pre incident as possible," says Woronuik.

It's exhausting work, and the suits can get pretty hot.

Calls can take a few hours, or a few days. A murder or suicide can cause blood and bones to be thrown some distance, so technicians have to move furniture. If a body sits for a long time, blood can pool and drip through walls and floors, and things may even have to be torn up.

Since Woronuik is almost always on call — between the business and his firefighting shifts — he's having trouble finishing building a fence on his property. And he's missed two weddings.

Most of Woronuik's six employees balance clean up work with firefighting too. They're all used to seeing blood and body parts.

"We're very professional about it. Everyone has figured out how to cope years ago."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Crime and trauma scene cleaner;
Salary: Charges $250 an hour and up;
Education/training: At least a class in blood-borne pathogens, but preferably certification from the American Bio-Recovery Association
Best Part of the Job: "At the end, knowing you've helped somebody out and prevented them from being retraumatized by having to do it themselves."
Worst Part of the Job: "The physical aspect of the clean up. And, if you know a bit of the situation, the grief that you feel for the family."

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Burn the uniforms: Potter stars
Harry Potter stars Daniel Radcliffe and Emma Watson have urged the film franchise's bosses to burn their Hogwarts school uniforms when the series wraps — because they hated the outfits. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Entertainment

Super Ryan
It looks like Ryan Reynolds has beat out Bradley Cooper and Justin Timberlake to play the lead role in the big-screen adaptation of Green Lantern, says Variety. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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A romantic spell

Potter film brings plenty of heartache to Hogwarts

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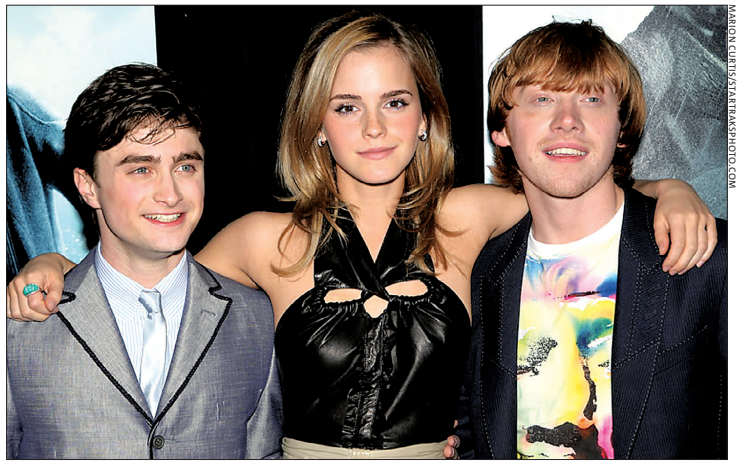

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From left, Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint do a lot of growing up as Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

Watch out Edward Cullen, Harry Potter is growing up.

While doing press for the release of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, Daniel Radcliffe and teen co-stars Rupert Grint and Emma Watson don't bother to dodge the myriad of questions lobbed at them about their dating lives — even the ones about magic spells and love potions.

Watson says Radcliffe doesn't need them to snag a lady, just in case you were wondering.

Given that this sixth instalment of the Potter series spends a considerable amount of time on the burgeoning romantic relationships between the lead characters, the young actors, now all around 19 years old, found the romantic-comedy moments refreshing.

"If Hermione kept going in terms of the amount of worrying she was doing, she might've developed a hemorrhage, so it's nice that there's a bit of light relief for all of us," says Watson of her own character, who finds herself for the first time in the series, at the mercy of her own hormones.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince opens in theatres Wednesday

"This is Rupert's finest hour. He reveals himself to be a fantastic practitioner of comedy," adds Radcliffe about Grint, who in the film as Ron Weasley finds himself in his first relationship and trying out for the Quidditch team, with mixed results in both departments.

It becomes obvious throughout the interview that Radcliffe himself has a gift for inciting laughter — especially with his candid explanation of his own on-screen kiss.

"My God, my lips are like the lips of a horse," he says emphatically. "They were kind of distending away independently from the rest of my face and trying to encompass the lower half of hers, so I apologize."

If Half-Blood Prince shows the young actors to be growing up, it only seems appropriate that David Yates, who picked up the role of director with the fifth instalment Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, would continue with the series until its resolution with Deathly Hallows — set to be released in two parts in 2010 and 2011 respectively.

"I'm trying to grow the films up and try to make them feel a little more mature, a little bit more complex — and guiding these young actors to a mature phase of the films," says Yates.

"Outside of the film set, these actors are getting insights and bruises. It's encouraging them to bring more of that to what they do on the screen."

Brüno could hurt gay community: GLAAD

FILM The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation said Friday that Brüno, the new film starring Sacha Baron Cohen, reinforces negative stereotypes and decreases the public's comfort with gay people.

GLAAD president Jarrett Barrios, who saw an early screening of the film, said that "the movie was a well-intentioned series of sketches — some hit the mark and some hit the gay community pretty hard and reinforce some damaging, hurtful stereotypes."

In a style similar to his popular Borat character, Baron Cohen brings Brüno, a flamboyantly gay Austrian fashionista, into ridiculous situations with unsuspecting everyday people.

Universal Pictures, which released Brüno, sought GLAAD's input on the film and invited staff members to advance screenings, Barrios said.

The organization "shared a number of concerns, and unfortunately, the scenes that we had the biggest concerns about remained in the film," Barrios said.

"Some (scenes) ... reinforce some damaging, hurtful stereotypes."
GLAAD president Jarrett Barrios

One such scene shows Brüno in a hot tub with his adopted infant son and two naked men involved in a sex act. "Scenes like that don't help America understand the hundreds of thousands of gay families who get up every day, do the carpool then rush home to make dinner and be with their children," Barrios said.

Universal Pictures maintains that Brüno is a satire that "uses provocative comedy to powerfully shed light on the absurdity of many kinds of intolerance and ignorance, including homophobia." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Parenthood on hold

The production of a new NBC drama series Parenthood has been put on hold after one of its stars, Maura Tierney, has become ill, the network has confirmed. USMAGAZINE.COM

Leguizamo has the last laugh

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

There aren't many actors who diversify themselves as successfully as John Leguizamo does.

The veteran Columbian-born thespian has been a solid screen presence for 25 years, essaying roles in epic crime dramas (Carlito's Way), deranged comedies (Too Wong Foo Thanks For Everything Julie Newmar), cult favorites (Land of the Dead) and blockbuster kids flicks (Ice Age).

But it is with his unique brand of outspoken stand up comedy that the actor has truly given himself license to loosen the leash, break rules and go for the throat. His latest live show touches down in Toronto as part of the Just For Laughs Festival for a five night run at the Berkley Street Theatre starting tomorrow night.

The show provides more of the same devil may care spoken word mania found in Leguizamo's previous stage bound works but this time, the emphasis is on attacking the very sacred cow that butters much of his bread: Hollywood.

"The show is more like a play and I'm more like a storyteller," says the actor. "I get to do impressions which is a first for me. Pacino, DeNiro, Steven Segal — who I worked with in Executive Decision and who is an ass — all get a turn and I also get to be myself, of course."

Leguizamo's monologues and impressions run so raw that recently legal action was taken, which — when it comes to this sort of comedy — is a badge of honour.

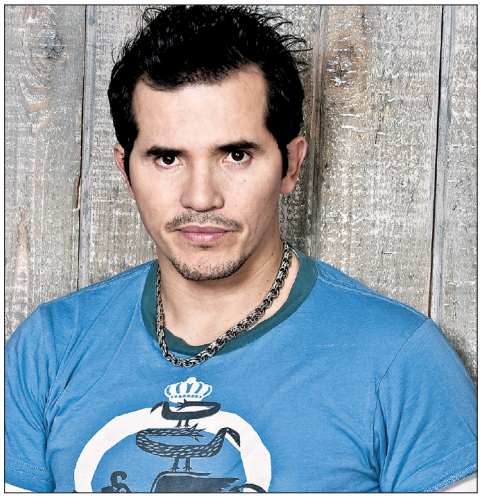
In fact, Leguizamo was run out of New York last week due to his onstage remarks about one of his subjects.

"This lawyer came to my show and came after me," he reveals.

"Apparently, the fact that I'm not a doctor means that because I called his client 'bi-polar,' it counts as a kind of unauthorized, unfounded diagnosis. I was sent a cease and desist letter. So now I have to find a way to say what I want to say about him without resorting to medical terms. It's pretty crazy."

Some actors who enjoy such a celebrated, successful and prolific career (he has six films due out this year alone) might be afraid to be so frank about their powerful peers, but not Leguizamo.

"Hollywood is fun and exciting and everything, " he says, "but there's also a lot of crap and I talk about it. It's intense ... and funny as hell."



John Leguizamo's brand of ferocious humour often targets members of his own professional community: Hollywood.

If you go ...

- John Leguizamo performs tomorrow through Saturday at the Berkeley Street Theatre. For tickets and more information go to hahaha.com.

The Just for Laughs schedule

The Toronto Just for Laughs Festival runs tomorrow through Sunday at various venues around the city. Here is a glance at what is coming up over the next few days. For more details, information on the festival, or a complete list of events, visit hahaha.com.

TOMORROW

John Lequizamo Live, Berkeley Street Theatre, 8 p.m.
The Danny Bhoy Show, St. Lawrence Centre, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

The Canadian Masters, Absolute Comedy, 8:30 p.m.
John Lequizamo Live, Berkeley Street Theatre, 8 p.m.
The Danny Bhoy Show, St. Lawrence Centre, 7 p.m.
Jon Dore Show, The Rivoli, 8 p.m.
John Caparulo and Jimmy Carr, Yuk Yuk's, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

The Canadian Masters, Absolute Comedy, 8:30 p.m.
John Lequizamo Live, Berkeley Street Theatre, 8 p.m.
The Danny Bhoy Show, St. Lawrence Centre, 7 p.m.
All-Star Galas, Massey Hall, 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m.
Jon Dore Show, The Rivoli, 8 p.m.
Bo Burham, French Comedy Bastards and a sketch show, Second City, 7 p.m. and onward.
Colin and Brad, St. Lawrence Centre, 7:30 p.m.
Todd Glass and Steve Byrne, Yuk Yuk's, 8 p.m.

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Tatum, Dewan get hitched
Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan tied the knot Saturday in Malibu. The stars said "I do" at the same venue where Fergie and Josh Duhamel got married last January. USMAGAZINE.COM

Never a dull moment for Veronicas

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

If you've ever thought pop stars have it easy, well, you've never met The Veronicas. Essentially twin sisters Jess and Lisa Origliasso, there is so much demand for the Australian duo, that they haven't had a chance to catch their breaths since they first formed back in 2004.

In fact, they didn't even realize they now have an online videogame to play on their website. "We have a videogame?" asks Jess. "It better involve a lot of insults, slapping, bitching and sleeping."

Such oversights are allowed. The constant flurry of activity though is seen as a good thing, according to Jess. "Seriously, we love what we do, and we get bored very easily," she says. "I'm sure I have some form of A.D.D., so it works out best I think."

As the girls swing around North America for another leg of their Revenge Is Sweeter tour, followed by an opening slot on Kelly Clarkson's tour, they're still doing it in support of their second album, the synth-heavy Hook Me Up. Originally released two years ago in Australia, before the end of this year, it will have seen six different versions released 12 different times worldwide.

Though they still have three months to go before a UK release and subsequent tour, you'd think they'd be finding the material is a bit stale at this point. Jess laughs at the thought and replies, "You would think so, but we're actually still having fun with it. I mean, we are absolutely dying to start working on new music, but this music is still new to a lot of people, so their energy and excitement keeps us going."

See them live

- The Veronicas play Circa on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Australian duo The Veronicas are touring in support of their album Hook Me Up.

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Trouble's brewing In the Kitchen

In the Kitchen

Author: Monica Ali
Publisher: Scribner
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Life in the kitchen is no easy task for Gabriel Lightfoot, the chef at a restaurant in London's Imperial Hotel. He must appease demands of the hotel manager and handle a staff reflecting Piccadilly's multiculturalism, all while secretly negotiating with backers to open his own restaurant.

But the death of a night porter brews up trouble in the basement and upsets the balance in Gabriel's life. When he meets Lena, a mysterious Eastern European with a connection to the porter who says she was trafficked, his offer of shelter turns into an affair, dashing his relationship with his recently proposed-to girlfriend Charlie.

The Devil's Paintbrush

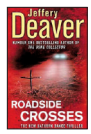
Author: Jake Arnott
Publisher: Sceptre
Price: $24.95 (Paperback)

The late 19th century military successes of Scottish-born Hector MacDonald netted him the nickname "Fighting Mac" in the British army. But soon he'd be known as Major-General Sir Hector MacDonald, a designation awarded during career-making battles in the Middle East and South Africa.

In fact-based-fiction novel The Devil's Paintbrush, Jake Arnott takes this real-life figure and recreates his final days, when his reputation was destroyed by allegations of homosexuality. With the occultist Aleister Crowley, MacDonald delves into the black-magic elements of Paris in 1903, leading to revelations about sexuality and imperialism.

Roadside Crosses

Author: Jeffrey Deaver
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Price: $29.99 (Hardcover)



Roadside Crosses, the third novel in Jeffery Deaver's High-Tech Thriller Trilogy, revisits the California Bureau of Investigation's Kathryn Dance, the kinesics/body language authority previously introduced in The Blue Nowhere and The Broken Window. This time, Dance's focus is a string of crosses placed by someone to signal impending deaths — deaths in which victims are killed in ways that reflect information they've shared on online social networks. Dance is led to Travis Brigham, a teen scrutinized on a widely read blog for his recent involvement in a deadly car crash. When Brigham disappears, Dance must put lives at risk in order to save them.

— BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

BookPicks

Jackson custody hearing delayed

CELEB JUSTICE Michael Jackson's mother and ex-wife will have time to reach an agreement over who will take care of the singer's three children.

For the second time, Katherine Jackson and Deborah Rowe joined to seek a delay in a hearing that could decide who gets custody of the late pop superstar's children. A guardianship hearing scheduled for Monday has been delayed until July 20, a lawyer said Friday.

Katherine Jackson will remain the temporary guardian of her son's three children, who range in ages from seven to 12. Court records show a judge granted the delay Friday afternoon. The hearing could have presented a showdown between Katherine Jackson and Rowe, who was married to the pop singer from 1996 to 1999. Instead, the two sides are trying to broker an out-of-court settlement.

Rowe has not indicated in court filings that she intends to seek custody. Her lawyers declined to comment Friday. Requests to interview her have also been denied. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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critics'corner

Chinese School
Part of a week of programming on the theme "Growing Minds," this five-part series spends an academic year in the schools of one rural Chinese town. Watching these youngsters learn will teach viewers a few lessons, too. You'll learn about everyday life in China and the differences between Chinese schools and our own. 10 PM on TVO

House
While treating Dana Miller, a former cancer researcher who gave up her career to pursue her own personal happiness, House and his staff begin to question their own life choices. Thirteen begins to show serious reactions to her experimental treatment in "The Greater Good." 8 PM on GTV FOX

Lie to Me
Lightman becomes obsessed with his investigation of two women (guest stars Naila Azad and Seema Lazar) who committed suicide. The team tries to recover billions of dollars for investors who were scammed by a Ponzi scheme in "Depraved Heart." 9 PM on GTV FOX

Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning July 10:

1. **Brüno** $30.4 million US
2. **Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs** $28.5 million
3. **Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen** $24.2 million
4. **Public Enemies** $14.1 million
5. **The Proposal** $10.5 million
6. **The Hangover** $9.9 million
7. **I Love You, Beth Cooper** $5 million
8. **Up** $4.7 million
9. **My Sister's Keeper** $4.2 million
10. **The Taking of Pelham 123** $1.6 million

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The story that keeps getting sadder
Less than a month after Kate Gosselin filed for divorce, Jon Gosselin and 22-year-old Hailey Glassman (the daughter of the doctor who performed Kate's tummy tuck) were spotted holding hands, usmagazine.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Stewart laughs off rumours

WHAT FUN Twilight star Kristen Stewart has been getting a kick out of the rumours flying around about her and co-star Robert Pattinson — including the latest that she's pregnant with his child. Stewart is currently filming The Runaways, a biopic about Joan Jett's famous punk band. "Joan and Kristen managed to have a laugh about the rumour," a source tells Life & Style.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jolie finds her old love: Flying

BACK IN THE COCKPIT Angelina Jolie resumed one of her favourite hobbies in L.A. last week: Flying lessons, usamagazine.com reports. The actress, 34, went to Burbank without Brad Pitt or her kids to meet up with a flight instructor.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Show Seacrest the money

WHAT RECESSION? Ryan Seacrest is reportedly finalizing a deal that would make him one of the highest-paid reality TV hosts, tvguide.com reports. Seacrest now pulls just shy of $5 million US a year but would receive a "major pay raise."

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La Toya suspects murder

CRIME ALLEGED One week after Los Angeles police confirmed that investigators had not ruled out homicide in the death of Michael Jackson, the late singer's older sister, La Toya Jackson, reveals that she suspects he was murdered, usmagazine.com reports the U.K.'s Mail On Sunday as saying.

"I believe Michael was murdered," she said. "I felt that from the start. Not just one person was involved, rather it was a conspiracy of people. He was surrounded by a bad circle. Michael was a very meek, quiet, loving person. People took advantage of that. People fought to be close to him, people who weren't always on his side."

She blamed this "shadowy entourage" for supplying him with prescription drugs.

"They got him hooked on drugs," she said. "He was pure and clean and then drugs came back into his system. I think it shocked his system so much it killed him."

Although results from toxicology tests will take a few more weeks to reveal a definitive cause of death, La Toya — who signed Jackson's death certificate — is certain the investigation will reveal her worst fears.

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Foxx a fool for Rihanna

SHE WASN'T LAUGHING Jamie Foxx shouldn't be expecting any party invitations from Rihanna anytime soon. The actor reportedly took over the mike at a party at a nightclub in Las Vegas and put on a show. And when he spotted the singer dining with Jay-Z, he insisted she join him on stage.

"Rihanna declined, but Foxx continued to badger her," a source tells Page Six. Foxx even had the DJ play her hit Umbrella, which only annoyed her more.

"She got up to leave, and Jamie shouted, 'You can't go while your song is playing. Relax.'" Rihanna reportedly sat down and waited it out, but did not look happy about it. "As soon as the song was over, she got the hell out of there."

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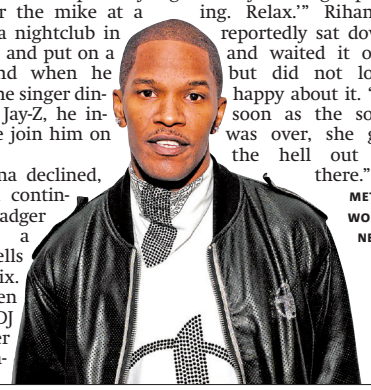

The mysterious Melrose

IT'S A SUPER SUPER SECRET Melrose Place star Ashlee Simpson-Wentz has no idea what sort of scandal will unfold on the upcoming TV series — because the show's producers refuse to let her read future scripts, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

She tells MTV.com, "I play the girl that's straight-off-the-bus. It's exciting because we don't get to see the next episode. We don't get to read the scripts until we're actually about to shoot it, and everyone is dying to know what's going to happen to their characters, so it's fun. It'll be exciting to play that arc."

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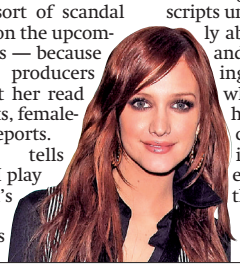

Brit to switch faiths for new boyfriend?

ALL FOR LOVE Britney Spears is reportedly so head-over-heels in love with her new boyfriend and agent, Jason Trawick, that she's considering changing her religion.

While hitting the road in Europe, Spears has been spotted wearing a Star of David necklace, and she's even recruited a rabbi to help her study the faith, sources tell the Sun.

"Britney wants to try the religion Jason was brought up with," a source says of the singer, who was raised a Baptist but also dabbled in Kabbalah a few years back at Madonna's suggestion.

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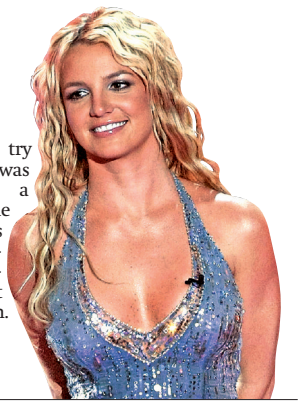

Aniston world's nicest boss

SHE CAN AFFORD IT Jennifer Aniston is apparently going for the title of "World's Nicest Boss."

The actress reportedly footed the bill for the entire crew of her new film, The Bounty to have an extra day off for their Fourth of July weekend. "How many people in this world would pay for an entire movie set to have off for the day? Not just anyone does that," a set source tells People magazine. "We're talking big bucks."

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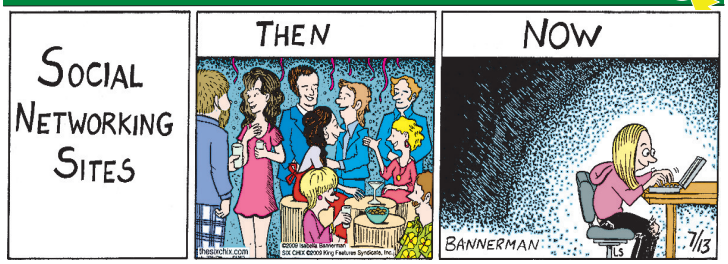

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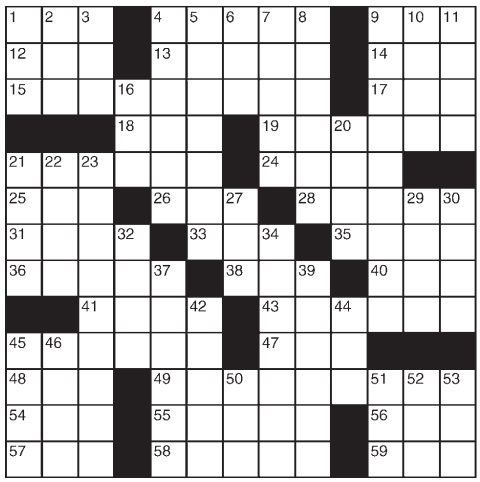

Crossword across

1 Ocean motion
4 Fulton's power source
9 Winter ailment
12 Writer Buscaglia
13 Cognizant
14 Fleur-de- —
15 They get jacked up
17 Exist
18 Umpire's call
19 Heart lines?
21 Vacationers' site
24 Fit of peevishness
25 Biblical verb ending
26 Unfamiliar
28 Hits with the open hand
31 Ella's specialty
33 Shad product
35 Member of the brass (Abbr.)
36 Pitch
38 Tolkien creature
40 Greek vowel
41 Lima's country
43 Very funny joke (Sl.)
45 Scandinavian nation
47 Gorilla
48 Myrna of movies
49 Mountain road feature
54 Rd.
55 Mark above an ō
56 Doctor's charge
57 "Certainly"
58 Watched surreptitiously
59 — for (choose)

Crossword down

1 Sprite
2 — canto
3 Squeezing snake
4 Ringed planet
5 Chirp
6 Listener
7 Geometry answers
8 Quarks + antiquarks
9 Levies based on a single percentage
10 Old Italian money
11 Works with
16 Additionally
20 Anger
21 Take 10
22 Engrave
23 Having keen sight
27 Travail
29 Townshend of The Who
30 Cicatrix
32 Pigeon- —
34 Duel challenge
37 Takes with force
39 Drew from
42 Square
44 Prepared
45 Dispatch
46 Made on a loom
50 Foreman foe
51 E.T.'s craft
52 Agent, for short
53 Trawler gear

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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4	5	6	3	1	2	7	8	9

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

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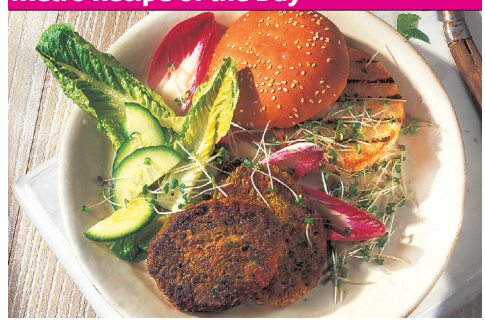

Bean and Mushroom Burgers

INGREDIENTS:

1 can (19 oz /540 ml) red kidney beans
2 medium red onions
4 tbsp (60 ml) olive oil
2 tbsp (25 ml) red wine vinegar
2 tbsp (25 ml) light brown sugar
1/2 lb (250 g) cup mushrooms
1 clove garlic
1 tbsp (15 ml) garam masala
2 tbsp (25 ml) whole-wheat flour
Small bunch of fresh mint
Salt and black pepper
4 pita breads

METHOD:

1. Rinse beans well; spread on dish towel to drain.
2. For red onion relish, heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil in pot. Peel onions; slice one onion thinly and add to pot with vinegar and sugar. Bring to boil, stirring, then reduce heat and leave to simmer, uncovered, 15–20 minutes, or until onion is softened and slightly sticky, stirring from time to time. Remove pot from heat and keep warm.
3. Meanwhile, quarter remaining onion and put in food processor. Clean mushrooms, add to onion and process until finely chopped.
4. Heat another tablespoon of olive oil in frying pan, add onion and mushroom mixture, and cook over fairly high heat, stirring occasionally, for 5–8 minutes, or until golden and dry.
5. Peel garlic, crush into mushroom mixture, stir in garam masala and flour and cook 1 minute. Rinse, dry and chop enough mint to give 2 tbsp (25 ml). Remove pot from heat, add mint and season with salt and pepper.
6. Put beans onto deep plate and mash firmly with potato masher, then stir in cooled mushroom mixture.
7. Divide mixture into four; with lightly floured hands, shape portions into burgers.
8. Heat remaining oil in large frying pan, add burgers and cook over fairly high heat 6–8 minutes, turning once, until well browned. Warm pita breads.
9. Arrange burgers on warm plates and spoon onion relish over top. Serve with warm pitas and green salad.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If your conscience tells you that what you are being asked to do by someone in a position of power is wrong you must say, "No."

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't let anyone talk you into accepting less than you're entitled to today — either on the work front or in your private life — no matter their excuses.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You won't lack for energy or ambition now that go-getting Mars is transiting your sign, but watch out you don't push yourself too hard.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The time has come to face up to a fear that has been tormenting you for as long as you can remember. The danger only exists in your mind.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will have zero tolerance today for anyone who tries to confuse or mislead you. You demand the truth of your friends and colleagues.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
With Mars, planet of ambition, transiting the career area of your chart you can sense this is the time to make an impression at work. Make it a big one.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You'll need some time to yourself today to get your head around changes in your life. If you don't feel up to a meeting of some kind, reschedule it.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Today you'll test the theory that the best way to break an obsession is to indulge it so much you get sick of it. One thing's for sure: you'll have fun.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A relationship has reached the point where you must either commit to it one hundred per cent or forget about it and move on to other things.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Let other people take care of details today. Keep your eye on the bigger picture and ensure the project you're working on with others stays on course.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Mars in your fellow Air sign of Gemini endows you with limitless self-belief. It also gives you the physical energy you will need to tackle a task.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A highly personal situation needs to be dealt with and there may be tears before bedtime. Don't hold back if you've got something to say.

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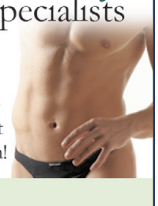
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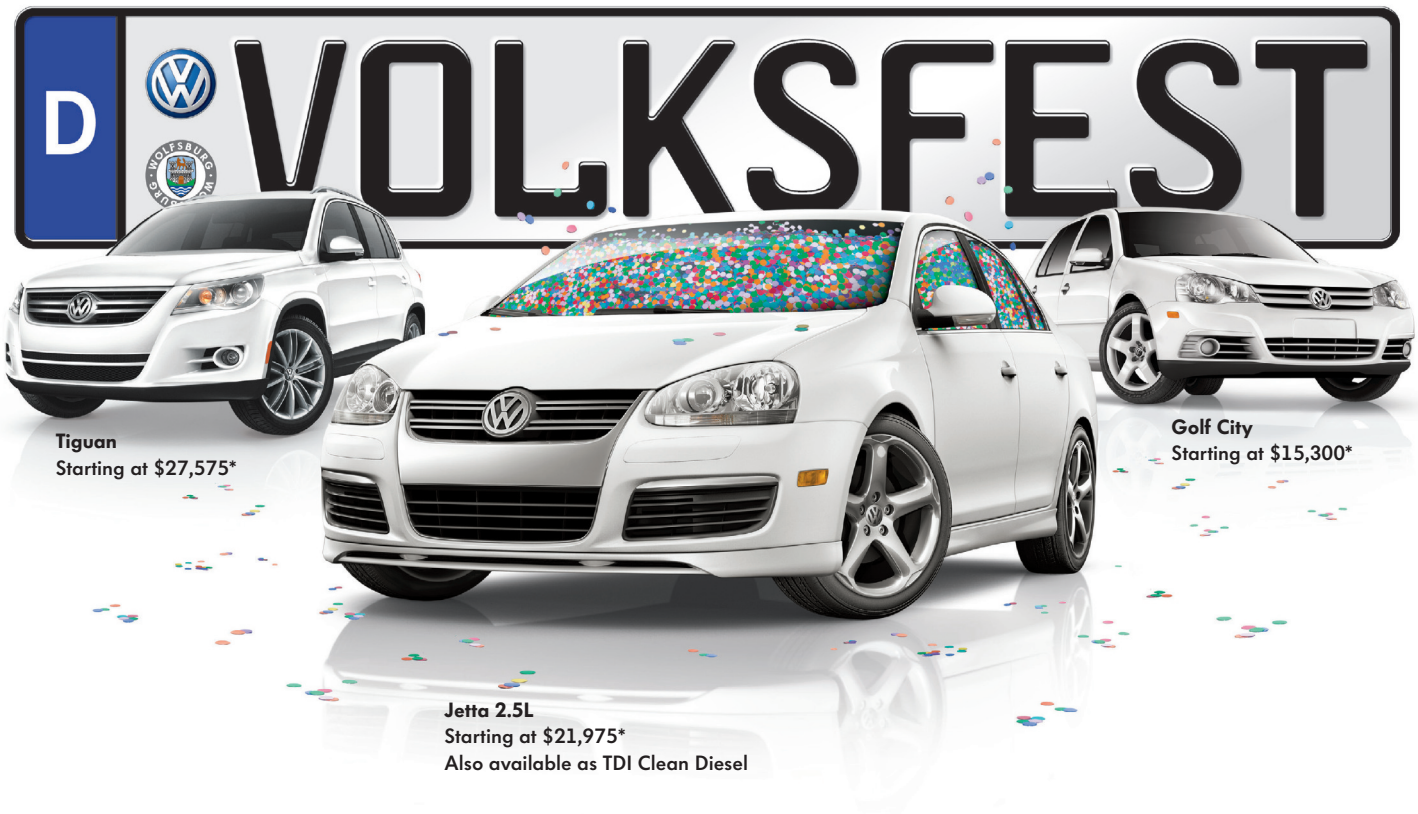

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